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Schedule of High Holy Day Services

ROSH HASHANAH

First Evening—Wednesday, September 13th 6:00 P.M.

First Morning—Thursday, September 14th 8:30 A.M.

Sermon—10:30 A.M.

How to Live in the Hour of Calamity

Minhah Service—5 P.M.

Second Evening—Thursday, September 14th 6:00 P.M.

Second Morning—Friday, September 15th 8:30 A.M.

Sermon—10:30 A.M.

Standing in Judgment

Minhah Service—5 P.M.

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday Evening, September 15th 6:00 P.M.

Saturday Morning, September 16th 9:30 A.M.

Sermon—11 A.M.

YOM KIPPUR

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Kol Nidrei—Friday, September 22nd 7:00 P.M.

Sermon—7:30 P.M.

Has Religion Failed?

YOM KIPPUR DAY

Shaharith Service—Saturday, September 23rd 8:30 A.M.

Sermon—11 A.M.

The Quest For A Scapegoat

Memorial Service—3:00 P.M.

Neilah Service—4:45 P.M.

SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

Conducted by the Junior Congregation

Both mornings of Rosh Hashanah—10:30 A.M. to 12:00

Yom Kippur Day—10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

in the Vestry Rooms

THE PARK AVE. SYNAGOGUE

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS

The Rabbi, Cantor and Officers of the Park Avenue Synagogue extend to their fellow-members and friends their best wishes for a year of personal health, happiness and self-fulfillment. On this Rosh Hashanah which dawns on one of the darkest periods in the history of modern man, they voice the prayer that the course of the year may bring a greater measure of peace to Israel and to suffering mankind.

A WELCOME TO OUR NEW RABBI

The Scroll announces with pleasure the arrival in America and into our Synagogue of Rabbi Erwin Zimet, Assistant Rabbi of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

Rabbi Zimet, as the readers of The Scroll have already been informed in past issues, was born in Berlin, and educated in the Hochschule, the rabbinical seminary formerly located in that city. Though he will participate in the forthcoming High Holyday services, he will assume his full duties on the occasion of the first late Friday evening service which is to be dedicated to his installation.

THE SERMONS
FOR THE HIGH HOLYDAYS

In the darkness of this hour no pulpit can venture to be unconcerned not only with the political crisis but with its spiritual implications. The cycle of sermons to be preached by Rabbi Steinberg during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will deal directly or indirectly with the large issues of the human heart that haunt all thoughtful people.

The sermon on the first morning of Rosh Hashanah will be dedicated to outlining the course of conduct to be pursued through the chaos of world war; that of the second morning to evolving a code of judgment of self and of civilization at a time when civilization seems to be in collapse. On Kol Nidre night Rabbi Steinberg will come to grips with the most challenging of all the questions precipitated by the world situation—Does the terrible conflict raging in Europe mean that religion has failed? On Yom Kippur day the sermon will attempt to liberate from the tendency to find quickly and with great facility individuals, groups or movements on which to lay responsibility for the holocaust, which will demonstrate that it is not the scapegoats which are guilty but deep-seated procedures and attitudes in modern society.

Thus, in sequence, our pulpit will deal with the central areas of the contemporary crisis, seeking to afford understanding, courage and hope for the new year that is being born.

Participating in the service as Baal Shahar-ith and as Baal Tokeah will be Mr. Sonnenfeld.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Officers of the Park Avenue Synagogue and its membership extend a cordial welcome to those who during the course of the summer have identified themselves with our religious fellowship. The list which follows is necessarily incomplete. At the time of printing new members are still being registered, but to those who have already joined us and to those who will do so in the near future, we express the hope that their association with us may be rich in meaning and inspiration and that they will participate to the full in our program of activities.

Dr. Corrado Ajo
G. L. Armour
Alex E. Arnstein
Herman D. Baskind
Mrs. Celia K. Broder
Albert Cohn

Dr. Joseph G. Druss
Goodman Edelstein
Ruby Katz
Seymour M. Klein
Jacob Mark
Dr. Nathan Rosenthal
Harry Saltzer

SUGGESTIONS TO WORSHIPPERS

Much of the potency and significance of formal worship is determined by the conduct and attitude of those who participate in it. That our service may be more meaningful to you, we make the following suggestions:

First, make every effort to be in the Synagogue as early as possible. It is always disturbing to those already in attendance to be interrupted in their prayers by the tardiness of latecomers.

Second, our congregation this year will be the largest in the history of our Synagogue. We will be compelled to admit people to our auditorium only on the presentation of tickets. Please bring your ticket with you and make certain that you have a ticket for every one who desires entrance.

Third, the Tallis is the traditional garb of male worshippers. The wearing of it is sanctioned by centuries of Jewish practice and makes a contribution toward the creation of a prayerful mood.

Fourth, if they so desire it, the men of the congregation may wear skull caps. We have made no provision for the disposal of hats during worship. Such a provision may be ready by next year through the installation of racks under the seats.

Fifth, beyond all else, we urge that at every service you remain in your pew until the benediction is pronounced. Those of our worshippers who have been with us before know that our service is never inordinately protracted. The benediction on Rosh Hashanah will be bestowed by one o'clock; on Yom Kippur day as soon after sunset as Jewish tradition permits.

THE NEW SUPPLEMENTARY PRAYER BOOK

Worshippers in our congregation will this year use not only the basic Jastrow Prayer Book, but in addition a volume of supplementary readings. These meditations and responses are intended to translate traditional Jewish religious and moral concepts into the modern idiom, to apply them to the spiritual problems of our day, and so to render the whole of our worship more meaningful. Our worshippers are urged to follow the passages from the supplementary prayer book as closely as possible.

The editors of the prayer book are especially eager to have the reaction of congregations like our own to this innovation in traditional worship. On some evening subsequent to Rosh Hashanah the members of the congregation will be invited to meet with some of the editors of the prayer book for the purpose of a frank, critical discussion and ex-

change of opinion. The date of this meeting which is projected by our Committee on Adult Education and the newly established Committee for The Reconstructionists will be announced in a subsequent issue of The Scroll. We urge as many members of The Scroll as can to attend this meeting. If traditional Jewish worship is ever to achieve the dignity, beauty and meaningfulness which it should possess, it can be only through the intelligent cooperation of the layman in the pew.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

To obviate the necessity of reading long lists of names during the Memorial Service on the Day of Atonement, the Park Avenue Synagogue has adopted the device of printing a memorial booklet in which the names of the departed kinsfolk of worshippers are recorded. This Book of Remembrance is deposited in the Ark with solemn ceremonial as a tribute of devotion.

If you wish the names of your departed ones to be included, you must submit these names to the office no later than Monday, September 18th.

So that the regular worshippers of our congregation may not be disturbed during Memorial Services by an influx of worshippers who attend only for that Service, arrangements are being made to turn the Vestry Rooms over to those who do not have admission cards. The Memorial Service will be transmitted by a public address system to the Vestry Rooms. Admission to this overflow service will be unrestricted.

During the course of the Memorial Service windows are to be dedicated to the memory of the late Mr. Julius Rhonheimer at the instance of Mrs. Julius Rhonheimer and family and Dr. and Mrs. Lester Breidenbach; and to Mrs. Bessie Eisenkramer in accordance with the provision made by her before her decease. A memorial plaque will be dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Bess Cohan as the gift of Mrs. Sidney Stiffson.

OUR CHOIR

So that those who unseen contribute to the dignity, beauty and meaningfulness of our worship may not go unrecognized, The Scroll announces that our choir for the High Holydays consists of the following: Mr. Isidore Geller, organist; Morris Pouster, tenor; Bernard Whitefield, baritone; Judith Litante, soprano; Devora Nadworney, contralto; Elsa Rypinski and Emmy Lushheim.

SISTERHOOD NEWS RELEASE

Dear Member:

On Tuesday, September 26th, at 1:30 P.M. promptly Sisterhood opens the Fall season in our newly decorated auditorium.

We hope that our members and their families enjoyed a restful and pleasant summer.

Please begin the Fall of 1939 by attending our meetings regularly, thereby showing your interest in our philanthropic, cultural and religious activities.

!! NEWS FLASH !!

See that your summer pledge is filled and send or bring to Chairman Caroline Manheimer \$5.25 so that you will enjoy the privilege of attending a most delightful luncheon on October 31st at the Hotel Croydon, 12 East 86th Street.

YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE

The Young Folks League will resume its activities for 1939-40 season with a new and varied program. Besides our social program which will include Sunday night socials, formal and informal dances, this season our program includes a course of lectures with prominent guest speakers. Our philanthropic activities will continue as in the past.

We solicit the cooperation of the young men and women of the Park Avenue Synagogue. Bring your friends and help us realize a most successful season.

The opening meeting and installation of officers is scheduled for Sunday evening, October 1st. An interesting evening has been planned with an orchestra providing entertainment.

The officers for 1939-40 season are: Lester Metzger, president; Sidney Mishkin, vice-president; Florette C. Weil, corresponding secretary; Irene Fisher, recording secretary; Joseph J. Oppenheimer, treasurer.

BAR MITZVAHS

September 9th—Master Frederick Feldman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Feldman.

September 30th—Master Lester Breidenbach, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lester Breidenbach.

September 30th—Master Alan Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Davidson.

To the Bar Mitzvahs and their families, our warmest felicitations and hopes that the young men may attain their highest potentialities in life as Jews and American citizens.

THE SCHOOL

Registration for our Hebrew and Sunday Schools is to take place on Sunday morning, September 17th, from 10 to 12 o'clock in the Vestry. The first session of the Sunday School will be held on October 1st, at 9:45 A.M. Sessions in the Hebrew School will begin on Monday, October 2nd.

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Services for children will be conducted by the Junior Congregation on both mornings of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur. All children are cordially invited to attend these services, for which there will be no charge.

ADULT EDUCATION

The Committee on Adult Education has planned an elaborate program for its Monday Evening Institutes which are to begin on Monday evening, October 16th, and continue fortnightly for eight sessions.

At 7 o'clock on each of these evenings there is to be a seminar on rabbinic literature in English, conducted by Rabbi Steinberg. At 8 o'clock the following courses will be offered: Intermediate Hebrew and Elementary Hebrew (if the registration warrants), conducted by Mr. Samuel Grand, Principal of our Religious School; Jewish music under the leadership of Cantor David Putterman; and Jewish custom and ceremony with Rabbi Steinberg as instructor.

The major lecture course at 9 o'clock will be devoted to Comparative Religion and will consist in a series of eight lectures on the religions of the Orient. On October 16th Hinduism will be discussed by Professor Friedrich Spiegelberg, now at Columbia University, formerly Professor of Oriental Religions at the University of Heidelberg. On November 13th there is to be a lecture on Buddhism given by Professor Horace Fries of Columbia University. On December 11th a lecture on Taoism and Confucianism given by Dr. Chi Meng of the China Institute, and on January 8th a lecture on Shinto, the religion of Japan, given by Dr. Ryusaku Tsunoda, Curator of the Japanese Collection at Columbia University. On the intervening Monday evenings Rabbi Steinberg will discuss each of these religions in the light of Judaism.

Readers of The Scroll are urged to be on the alert for the official announcement and registration cards from our Committee on Adult Education.

RABBI DR. PAUL RIEGER

The Scroll announces with deep sorrow the passing of Dr. Paul Rieger of Stuttgart. Readers of The Scroll will recall that Dr. Rieger was one of the two rabbis whom our congregation called to its pulpit from Germany. During the course of the summer a letter was received from Mrs. Rieger announcing the death of her husband.

To Mrs. Rieger, the wife of the late Dr. Rieger, and to Martin Rieger, his son now in America, an expression of our sympathy. It is to be regretted that Dr. Rieger was not given the opportunity to avail himself of an entrance to America and the occasion to work among us which the Board of our congregation opened up to him.